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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ADRIAN ESCALANTE,)
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Petitioner,

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

VS.

Respondent.

No. CV-F-06-280 REC (Nos. CR-F-97-5266 REC and CR-F-04-5174 REC)

ORDER DIRECTING FEDERAL
DEFENDER TO APPOINT COUNSEL
TO REPRESENT PETITIONER FOR
EVIDENTIARY HEARING AND
DIRECTING CLERK OF COURT TO
TRANSFER ACTION PURSUANT TO
RANDOM SELECTION TO ANOTHER
DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

By Order filed on April 26, 2006, the court denied petitioner Adrian Escalante's claims made pursuant to a motion to vacate, set aside or correct sentence pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2255 with the exception of petitioner's claim in No. CR-F-04-5174 REC that petitioner was denied the effective assistance of counsel when attorney Thomas Richardson allegedly failed to file a notice of appeal after petitioner requested that he do so. Pursuant to United States v. Sandoval, 409 F.3d 1193, 1198-1199

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(9th Cir. 2003), the court gave the United States the option of demanding an evidentiary hearing to determine the truth of petitioner's claim or conceding the truth of petitioner's claim and allowing the vacation and reentry of judgment so that petitioner could file the notice of appeal.

On May 11, 2006, the United States filed a request for an evidentiary hearing on petitioner's claim that Mr. Richardson failed to file the notice of appeal at petitioner's request.

Because of this request for an evidentiary hearing, the court directs the Federal Defender to appoint counsel to represent petitioner in connection with this claim

The court also directs the Clerk of the Court to transfer these actions to another district court judge pursuant to random selection for all further proceedings, including the evidentiary hearing. Once the parties are notified of the judge to whom the cases are reassigned, the parties shall arrange for a further status conference before that judge for the purpose of scheduling the evidentiary hearing. All further pleadings in this action shall set forth the appropriate initials of the judge to whom the cases are reassigned.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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